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Mr. Henry Elsen  
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Dear Mr. Elsen:

On November 2-4, 1987 a CERCLA inspection of the Monsanto plant site in Soda Springs, Idaho was conducted by Ecology and Environment, Inc., as contracted by your agency. During the inspection a sampling workplan was carried out in which soil, sediment and groundwater samples were collected.

As I have been told, Ecology and Environment is scheduled to provide a report of the inspection by the end of February. This report will detail the sample analysis data, summarize the activities conducted at the Monsanto site, provide an evaluation concerning additional Ecology and Environment sampling recommendations and/or recommend environmental remediation.

I am sure that the Ecology and Environment inspectors would attest that the activities at our facility are very complex. Furthermore, the inspection not only centered around current activities, but was also designed to detect any environmental impact since operations began here 35 years ago.

Monsanto feels it would be in our best interest and also in the interest of the EPA to have opportunity to comment on the drafting of the report that Ecology and Environment will submit. A report written based on a 2-day visit and limited literature research will not provide a truly accurate result. Monsanto would be happy to work along side Ecology and Environment and EPA in order to ensure that the extensive information submitted by us has been properly interpreted.

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We will be happy to provide our experience and comments to the Ecology and Environment report while it is in draft form, as input at this stage will obviously save time and expense for all involved.

Today we also were informed that Jeff Whidden, the project manager, has been reassigned and will not be involved in completing the Monsanto assessment. With this change, our request to review your work becomes most critical.

Because the report is now due at the end of February, expeditious action on this issue is necessary. We are anxiously awaiting your reply!

Sincerely,



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cc: Mr. William Glasser, Region 10 Superfund Branch  
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